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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of an immediate settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust case by the time now before your office for review. I see no reason to further delay an end to this long controversy. It has hobbled a great and productive corporation at a time of national economic decline. It has proved a drain on our entire IT industry. A settlement plan exists and stands endorsed by your own department and the court. Please see that it's ratified and adopted as soon as feasible.

This case arose out of the government's consternation with Microsoft's seeming monopolistic hold on the IT industry. The settlement amply addresses the government's concerns by directing Microsoft to open itself up to more competition by surrendering its hold on near-exclusive Windows software integration in Microsoft platforms. Microsoft will now not just tolerate competition; it will be constrained to promote it. It will in fact be required to radically alter its corporate ethos.

Please help bring an end to this case and allow Microsoft to work untethered towards a more dynamic future for this industry and this country.

Sincerely,



Jim Crumley

cc: Senator Rick Santorum